



### **Carol D'Souza, Masters, Counseling Psychology**

Carol D'Souza is a member of the Governing Council of the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA) and the Vice-President of the Bombay Chapter. In 2001 Carol edited a book 'Conquering Epilepsy' which details the lives of people living with epilepsy. Since October 2003 she has been a member of the British Medical Journal Patients' Advisory Committee. She has developed the epilepsy website 'ieacell.org' and blog 'ecellin.wordpress.com'. From December 2004 to date, Carol has been running the day to day activity at the 'ECell', the epilepsy center in Mumbai. She has been at the forefront in organizing rural epilepsy camps, conducting epilepsy awareness campaigns, compiling and analyzing research data, increasing social interaction of people with epilepsy, conducting epilepsy support group meetings and counseling people with epilepsy and their family members. She is a regular contributor to 'Epilepsy India' the newsletter of the Indian Epilepsy Association and was the co-editor in 2004-05. Carol has been actively spearheading the movement to get intractable epilepsy under the government list of registered disabilities and is part of the IEA Epilepsy & Disability sub-committee. Carol has also contributed towards the course material for the Diploma in Epilepsy Care (modules on Counseling & Social Aspects of Epilepsy), a distance education program offered by the Bangalore University in collaboration with Community Based Rehabilitation Network (South Asia). She has been invited to talk on behalf of people with epilepsy at various events / congresses and in February 2001 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase launch of the WHO/ILAE/IBE Global Campaign Against Epilepsy. In May 2008, she received the 'Outstanding Person with Epilepsy' Award at the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Oceanian Epilepsy Congress in China.